



Halloween Parade a Howling Success

By Hedy Campbell

Did you ever see an entire group of adults standing around with their jaws dropped open in surprise? You might have if you attended the Block Association Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31. We couldn't believe the turnout. We'd packed 100 trick or treat bags and, for the first time ever, ran out before the last costumed hobgoblin had turned the corner. Our apologies to any trick or treaters who might have left empty handed.

Many thanks go to all those who pitched in to make the party happen, first and foremost to St. Luke's Halfway House, a longtime supporter of the Block Association. Two residents, April and Robert, were critical to the party's success; Robert baked and April decorated a gorgeous, enormous, delicious cake, and Robert helped her deliver it and the tables on which the refreshments were served.

The residents of 865 and 875 West End Ave. also deserve our appreciation for the inconvenience they experience as they try to negotiate through the sea of witches, ghosts, princesses, super heroes and jungle animals in

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The West 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association *NEWSLETTER*

New Emergency Shelter Opens in Neighborhood

By Marlene Lee

Two blocks south of the Malibu Hotel, the Frant has joined the neighborhood as another temporary shelter for the homeless. Unlike the Malibu (Broadway and 103rd), whose written contract is with the Human Resources Administration (HRA) to house homeless AIDS patients for 28 days at a time, the Frant (211 West 101st, between Broadway and Amsterdam) has a verbal agreement with the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) to house destitute families on an emergency basis. The DHS, under court order to find shelter for applicants within 10 days, is hard-pressed to qualify either the housing (not nearly enough) or the applicants (far too many) within the required amount of time.

Recognizing that single room occupancy hotels like the Malibu and the Frant are turning into public housing all over the Upper West Side, and aware that oversight by City agencies is insufficient, the Health and Human Services Committee of our Community Board 7 put the Malibu and Frant on its October 22nd agenda.

"We need to be proactive rather than

reactive to temporary housing provisions being made by the City on the Upper West Side," says David Harris, co-chair of the Committee. "We want to work with the City. We need to start by documenting what is happening here. We need facts and figures."

A new fact in our neighborhood is that homeless families are arriving nightly by bus at the Frant (sometimes several busloads in one night) where they stay from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m., or even 4:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Many are not properly qualified, a paying tenant of the Frant tells the Committee. "A homeless family will come in with a signed application, but in a lot of cases several others without paperwork come in with them." The City clients wander the halls, according to other tenants present at the

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BLOCK ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Regular Block Association meetings are held twelve times a year on the second Tuesday of every month.

TIME: 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: 306 W. 102nd St.

The next two meetings will be held on January 14 and February 11.

Takeout Review: Backyard Chicken

By Hedy Campbell

Anybody who doesn't like chicken should try this chicken. That was the powerfully positive opinion voiced by Rosalie, my six-year-old, after I made her taste two bits of a Backyard Chicken drumstick (one bit with skin, one without). The rest of the family agreed. The chicken was moist, but fully cooked, something to which the members of my family are all sensitive. Its flavorful, but the seasoning doesn't mask the taste of the chicken.

Phil, the owner of the seven-month-old storefront, is willing to share his formula. The chickens are brushed with a homemade chipotle pepper sauce, and rotisserie roasted at a low temperature for a long time. "But it's not just the chicken that will bring in

business," he said to me. "It's our sides." He's right. We sampled three of the half-dozen or so possibilities available on any given day: mashed potatoes, garlicky spinach, and grilled vegetables. They were all terrific. Macaroni and cheese, yellow rice, and roasted potatoes were the other choices the night I was there. There's gravy for the mashed potatoes, and three varieties of sauce to accompany the chicken; seafood chowder and beef rib chili both looked good, as did the apple pie, but I didn't get to try them.

Perhaps Backyard Chicken's motto, We Keep It Simple, is helping to keep prices competitive: a quarter chicken with two sides costs \$4.50, a half, \$5.50. A whole chicken with four sides is sold for \$11. An extra side dish is \$1.75; personally, I'd rather pay a little more and bring home a

somewhat larger portion. And, in the same category, is it really necessary to charge a quarter for a tiny container of barbecue sauce? Throw one in for free and charge for extras. On the other hand, if you buy the quarter-chicken, you can get a 16-ounce soda for 50 cents, a bargain. Perhaps the relatively low rent incurred by being on the "other side" of Broadway helps as well. Phil expects that because of the location, much of his business will result from delivery service, available whenever the shop is open, every day noon to 9 pm.

So be like a chicken and cross the road. Find Backyard Chicken at 203 W. 103rd St., on the north side of the street just before Amsterdam. Or declare it cook's night off and dial for dinner (212-222-5500). Try something new. Don't chicken out.

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order to get in their own front doors.

Additional support was offered by two local merchants. The managers of both Duane Reade and Gristedes extended a discount to the Block Association on items purchased to fill the trick-or-treat bags. Make sure to let them know you appreciate their support when you next stop in their stores. And special thanks to Cherie Tredanari, who for more years than anyone can remember has been instrumental in the stocking, packing, and distribution of the trick-or-treat bags and Jill Chase, who shows up in costume every year to organize and oversee the refreshments table.

Others who contributed in one way

or another include (alphabetically): Nancy Becker and Steve Cope, Rosalyn Cherry, Julie David, Debra Davidge, Ed Galloway and Gordon Kahn, Maura Gouck, Laura and Terrence Hanrahan, Sara and Scott Hinzman, Ginger Lief, Debbie Rabinowitz, Kathy Ralph, David Reich, Sheryl Reich and David Greenberg, Sue Roy, Hal and Peggy Serra, and Irving and Clara Stone. Thanks, too, to any of you who donated candy or brought refreshments without having let us know. Our appreciation is not lessened by your anonymity.

If you were at the parade, you might have heard my announcement that we will need some new blood—preferably human, however vampire accepted—in order to make the event happen again next year. After some 10 years of organizing this event, I'm retiring. It's not a difficult or time-consuming

job, and there's already a solid list of reliable volunteers on which to draw. Please give me a call (212-865-8524) if you'd be willing to help pull the strings together in order to keep this long-standing tradition alive.

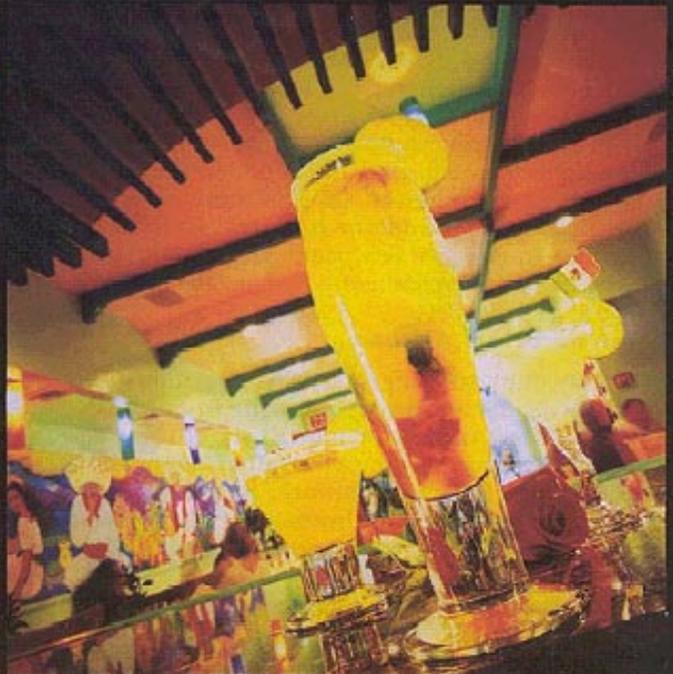
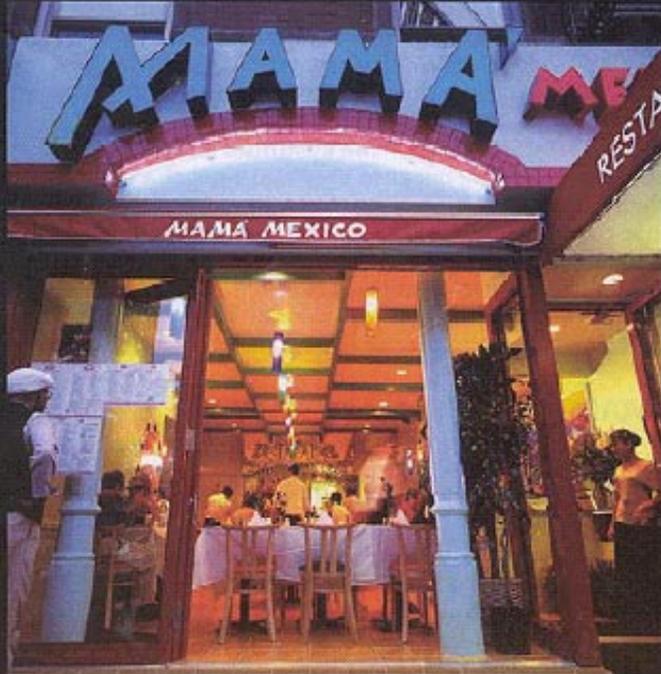
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New Board Elected at Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the West 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association was held in the Community Room of the Marseille (230 W. 103rd St.) on November 21, 2002. During the business part of the meeting ten continuing members and four new members were elected to the Board. The old members are: Paul Arents, Hedy Campbell, Alan Cary, Rosalyn Cherry, Camille Colon, Jock Davenport, Cynthia Doty, Kathy Ralph, David Reich and Alan Seget. The new members are German Cadena, Maura Gouck, Marlene Lee and Ginger Lief.

Block Association Treasurer, Maura Gouck, gave a presentation on the financial situation for the year from November, 2001 through October, 2002 including the following details:

Income:

Residents:	23,091.00
Co-ops & Landlords:	5,565.00
Other sources:	<u>375.00</u>
Total:	\$29,031.00

Expense:

Security guard:	30,684.41
Printing:	2,718.97
Contributions:	775.00
Miscellaneous:	<u>1,195.27</u>
Total:	\$35,373.65

On November 1, 2001, the balance in our account was \$23,736.12. On October 31, 2002 the balance was \$17,393.47. Expenses exceeded income for the year by \$6,342.65.

Our "nest egg" dates to a period a few years ago when we had to suspend the guard service. Now the balance is being eroded as expenses rise and income does not keep pace. We need greater participation by our residents. Check the list on page 8. If you are a contributor, recruit your neighbors. If you are not, join us now! Then, recruit your neighbors!

MTA's NYC Transit Presents Plans for 103rd Street Station Renovation

In honor of the New York subway system's 100th anniversary in 2004 and Columbia University's 250th anniversary the same year, the MTA is planning major renovations of the 103rd, 110th, 116th and 125th Street subway stations. Columbia has contributed \$1 million to the project.

The plans for the 103rd Street station were presented to a vocal audience at the annual meeting of the Block Association. Robert Marino, Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations, spoke briefly about the historical context in which the renovations were planned. The project is expected to start in January, 2003 and will cause platform closings of several weeks at a time. The timing of disruptions and the duration of the project won't be determined until contracts are signed.

Marino introduced Adrienne Taub who will be taking over community relations responsibilities for the project and then brought in David Foell, the Design Manager for Station Rehabilitation.

Mr. Foell displayed large drawings of the changes now out for bids. The 100th St. and 116th St. stations have landmark status which requires the use of certain materials. Though the 103rd St. station does not have this status it will be restored to the same standards. As an example, Mr. Foell displayed the special tile to be used on the walls.

At the platform level, the renovations include new floors and wall surfaces. New lighting and public address systems will be installed. The leaks that cause flooding on the platforms during rainstorms will be found and repaired. At the 104th St. exit on the northbound platform, two new exit wheels will replace the one now there.

Upstairs, on the mezzanine, the token booth will be moved inline with the turnstiles to allow the attendant access to patrons in the paid and unpaid areas. Two exit wheels will be added. The stairs to the street will be resurfaced with full metal treads.

At street level, a skylight reminiscent of the original "headhouse", but only a few feet high and made primarily of glass, was planned to bring light and ventilation to the station. Foell reported that it had just been voted down by the NYC Arts Commission as an inappropriate intrusion in the mall in the middle of Broadway.

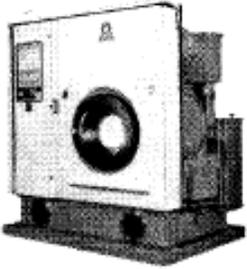
During the presentation, members of the audience raised questions about safety, art and quality of life issues such as cleanliness and loitering. Several spoke in favor of the skylight and an emergency communication system. Cynthia Doty, of retiring Assemblyman Sullivan's office, indicated he had some funds which might be used for these needs. Marino suggested that people should contact NYC Transit President Lawrence Reuter and Arts for Transit Director Sandra Bloodworth to press their concerns.

Shelters Seek Donations of Toys, Books, Clothing

The Henry Street shelter for victims of domestic violence and the Doe Fund men's shelter would welcome gifts of new or very good used items for the women, children and men they serve. The recipients are people trying hard to put their lives together. Block Association board member Camille Colon asks anyone who can contribute for the holidays to contact her at (212) 620-8970 to arrange for pickup of the gifts.

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Christmas Tree Recycling Planned

The Riverside Park Division of the Parks Department is once again planning to recycle Christmas trees after the holiday season is over. Neighborhood residents are invited to put their trees, shorn of bags, stands and tinsel, on the street to be picked up and mulched. Watch for notices of time and place for the pickups.

Adventure Concession for Riverside Park Cancelled

By a unanimous vote, the Parks Committee of Community Board 7 disapproved the application for installation of "adventure equipment" in Riverside Park. The committee's resolution cited "too little insurance" and an invasive, circus-like atmosphere. The vote followed a presentation by Riverside Park administrator K. C. Sahl to a raucous session attended by about 100 residents in September. The full board also voted unanimously to disapprove at its October meeting.

Improvements Noted At The Malibu Hotel

By Marlene Lee

Conditions at the Malibu Hotel on Broadway at 103rd Street were the subject of discussion at a recent meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee of Community Board 7. In spite of one permanent tenant's report of a fire the previous evening on the third floor for which there was no fire alarm and certainly no sprinklers, the general feeling in the room, reflected in CB 7 District Manager Penny Ryan's comments, was that, for the moment, the crisis at the

Malibu is contained.

"The owner, Hank Fried, has been cooperative," said Ryan. "More cooperative than he has to be. He has instituted a curfew. I and several others thoroughly inspected the Malibu and it is immaculate." As promised by the manager of the Malibu at a public meeting in September at the 24th Police Precinct, a floodlight has been installed high on the building, illuminating the southeast corner of Broadway and 103rd. Fried has made structural improvements to the building, according to Ryan. Loitering seems less prevalent than it was a few weeks ago.

Columbia University, the owner of the building on the northeast corner of the intersection, has become alert to what goes on around the Malibu, and the block association is cleaning up graffiti.

"Block associations are more important now than ever," Ryan said. "They are needed to join with other community groups to help solve deep-seated social problems that affect all of us."

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Committee meeting. Some ask for matches. Some smoke marijuana. Drug sales are common. The security provided by the Frant, they say, is ineffective or nonexistent.

Among the visitors who come in on the coattails of qualified DHS clients are drug dealers, says Terry Poe of the SRO Law Project, long-time advocate for rent-stabilized tenants. Despite problems that can follow them, he says, homeless City clients nevertheless represent a windfall for SROs like the Frant and Malibu. Instead of being paid the permanent tenant's stabilized rent of \$500 a month for a room with shared kitchen and bath, owners are getting \$85 or more a night from the City for the temporary homeless resident. The permanent tenants are often harassed by hotel owners until forced to move out, he continues, thus making way for the more lucrative, temporary trade from the City. In this way, Poe says, homelessness is created in the very process of trying to find a solution for it.

Some of these landlords have criminal records, he alleges, and urges the Committee, as well as guest speaker, Maryanne Schretzman, Deputy Commissioner of the DHS, to check the record for each landlord. "For instance," he adds, "Mark Hersch, owner of the Frant, is well known for his harassment of tenants."

"I thought the owner is Mark Lapis," says Schretzman.

"He's only the front man," responds Poe. "Lapis is Mark Hersch's public face."

Deputy Commissioner Schretzman looks doubtful. She had begun her prepared talk by expressing gratitude to citizens of New York who provide housing for the indigent, explaining

that homelessness is often cyclical for reasons of poor health, lack of family, substance abuse, scarcity of affordable housing, and mental illness. "One of the Department's goals is to reduce the average length of stay," she said. "Another goal is to get out of the business of hotel and scatter sites." For now, the Department attempts to check out the background of both the homeless clients and the buildings, but often there is no time, given the court mandate.

But upset tenants of the Frant and other former SROs who are in the audience soon derail Schretzman's planned remarks and begin describing the confused, unsupervised conditions in their buildings. Schretzman appears surprised. She asks them to give her specifics which she jots down on a notepad in front of her. Watching her, other members of the audience express amazement that the Department can be so unaware of conditions within the shelters it is paying for. In fact, the general feeling of the audience (approximately 30 or 40 people) is disbelief and even anger at the lack of coordination in social services, security, and general oversight of homeless housing, particularly given the fact that there is no lack of money to deal with the problem.

The financing for homeless housing is generous and available, funded by the Federal government, Committee members explain. "The City is competing against itself," says member Tom Vitullo-Martin. "Various agencies desperately need housing stock, and this drives up the price. There is misuse of funds."

Listening in the audience, it occurs to me that perhaps, given the large amount of Federal funds, City agencies find it easier to pursue short-term

goals rather than cooperate in addressing the long-term needs of City homelessness.

"Case workers for the homeless and homeless AIDs patients spend all their time on the subway instead of being site-based," observes David Harris. Committee members agree that Federal funds need to be redirected from centralized to site-based services. The thought that Federal money could be used for permanent rather than temporary housing for the homeless is expressed.

"If DHS isn't interested in change," a member of the audience says, "the judge in housing court will be." Not so, another replies. "In housing court my landlord lied under oath. When I told my attorney it was a lie, he said, 'Everyone lies in housing court. There's no penalty for perjury.'"

Penny Ryan, district manager of Community Board 7, says it is clear "there are going to be changes" in housing agency policies and the way in which clients are followed.

A speaker in the audience offers a broad view of the forces at work: "Look, folks. Follow the money. State legislation favors the real estate industry. The industry contributes heavily to legislators." He believes there is a shortage of affordable housing because lawmakers are under "undue influence of real estate interests."

Elizabeth Starkey, Committee member, comments: "We need to come up with a statement of purpose and policy for the Frant regarding what the City calls 'conditional housing,' whatever that means. We should set standards for room size and a cap on the number of families. And we should check on the building's ownership and their track record." She adds that security

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Thank You, Members!

To all of our contributors, heartfelt thanks. Your donations keep the Block Association going and the guard on the street. Names of those who are “paid up” through the current quarter (approximately) appear below; please let us know of errors. As always, we ask that you fill out the envelope stub completely (including your apartment number) and legibly when making your contribution (the stubs are the basis of our record-keeping) and indicate if you prefer anonymity.

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in the buildings, now provided by the landlords, should be not-for-profit.

City supervision of housing appears to be less stringent than for bars and restaurants. In June, the manager of the restaurant Urban America, located on the ground floor of the Malibu Hotel building, had told me it is harder to get a permit for a sidewalk café than it is for an SRO to become an emergency housing facility.

This opinion was echoed in an informal comment by Juan Ramirez, Office of Community Affairs, New York County District Attorney’s Office, after a 24th Police Precinct public meeting held in September. There need to be requirements in place, he had said, for owners and landlords before any agreement or contract is made with the City. Bars, he noted, are required to post notice before they open. The operator must meet certain qualifications before liquor can be served.

Community attention to these issues can bring results (see the update on the Malibu on page 4). The Health and Human Services Committee of Community Board 7 meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month and the Housing Committee meets on the 3rd Monday. All meetings are held at the Community Board office, 250 West 87 Street, unless otherwise indicated. The full board meets the first Wednesday of each month at various locations within the district. Detailed information about Community Board 7 is available on its website at cb7.org.